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My name is Jennifer Hung, and I have been a summer intern in the City Manager's Office working with the Office of Economic Development. I am also going to be a fourth-year student at UCLA studying English. Before this internship, I was overwhelmed at the thought of what I would do after graduation. However, working in the City Manager's Office has afforded me the opportunity to explore the functions of municipal government, and I am very grateful for the direction that this internship has given me.

When I came into this internship, I knew that I would be working with the Economic Development office on social media, marketing, and database projects. To my surprise, my experience exceeded my expectations by including opportunities to interact with all aspects of the city. In the past six weeks, I was able to go from meeting local business owners at the South Bay Entrepreneurial Center and Torrance Chamber of Commerce to attending City Council meetings and a public forum. An important part of working in the City Manager's Office was having the chance to meet staff members from other city departments and to learn about their projects. Through these interactions, I have witnessed the common thread between all public servants at the City of Torrance: their dedication to public service and to the community. Their commitment to serve Torrance residents like myself has inspired me to explore careers in municipal government.

My internship has significantly increased my interest in city governments. As a lifelong Torrance resident, I was unaware of the city's influence on many aspects of my life here. However, now I see the active role that the city plays in making Torrance an ideal place to live, work, and play. I would like to thank Fran Fulton, Domenica Megerdichian, Laura Lohnes, and City Manager's staff for sharing their knowledge of the city and passion for public service with me. I highly encourage others to research their own city government and to seek internship opportunities. Working for the City of Torrance has given me the tools and resources to pursue a career in public service and to achieve my goal of serving the community.